New Avenues for Oil Production

1257 SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) the progress made by the ONGC to explore new avenues for oil production during the last one year;

(b) the new plans to step up oil production;

(c) the amount being spent on oil import at present and the time by which the country is likely to become self sufficient in this regard;

(d) whether there is also a proposal to explore for oil production at Lakshadweep; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). A number of new projects are being developed which will lead to increased production of oil.

(c) During 1990-91, crude oil and Petroleum products valued at about Rs.10778 crores were imported. The country is not likely to be self sufficient in the foreseeable future.

(d) and (e). A number of blocks in Lakshadweep area has been offered in the Fourth Round of bidding for exploration

Teaching Allowance to Fishing Technology Staff

1258. SHRI P.M. SYEED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to sanction teaching allowance to the fishing technology staff like fisherman and boat drivers who are involved in imparting practical training to the young students; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir, No proposal has been received by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

On-Going Irrigation Projects and Dams in Orissa

1259 SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the on-going irrigation projects and dams in Orissa;

(b) whether some of those projects are running behind schedule;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the cost escalation resulting therefrom; and

(d) the time by which those are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA):(a) to (d). A statement giving details of on going major and medium irrigation projects in Orissa in attached